

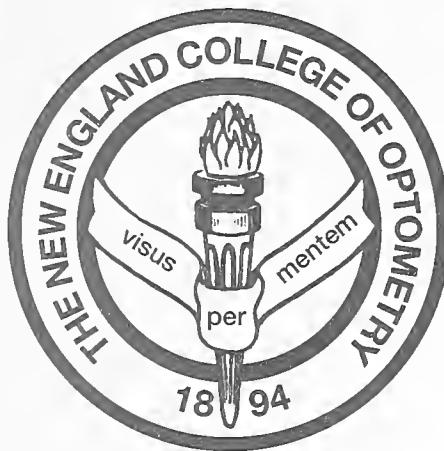


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# The New England College of Optometry

*Commencement Exercises*  
**2009**



**“Celebrating 115 Years of Excellence in Optometric Education”**

*Sunday, the Thirty-First of May  
Two Thousand Nine  
John Hancock Hall  
Back Bay Events Center  
Boston, Massachusetts*

## **In Consideration for Fellow Attendees During Commencement Exercises**

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or put them on silent mode. The Back Bay Events Center prohibits the use of any party favors (creating noise or litter) during any part of the ceremony. If you brought celebratory balloons, please place them in the designated holding area in the lobby during the ceremony.

Today's ceremony is being photographed by a professional photographer who will take pictures of the graduates as they receive their diploma covers. These photographs will be made available to graduates, families, and friends through a designated website. We ask that you take personal pictures from your seats and refrain from blocking the aisles. We do encourage you to turn on your video cameras and we expect to see a lot of flashes popping!

At the conclusion of the ceremony, please allow all members of the platform party and the graduates to exit first. You are then welcome to join us downstairs in the Dorothy Quincy Suite for some light refreshments.

Thank you.

# Commencement Program

## Processional

*Marshall:* Frank Thorn, OD '79, PhD *Chair, Department of Vision Science*

## Invocation

Father Arthur T. MacKay, OD '79, FAAO, MDiv

## Welcome and Congratulatory Messages

Elizabeth Chen, *President*

Steven P. Manfredi, *Chairman, Board of Trustees, The New England College of Optometry*

Charles F. Mullen, OD '69, *Chairman, Board of Directors, New England Eye Institute*

Philip Sutherland, OD '86, *President, Alumni Association*

## Conferral of Honorary Degree to Senator Richard T. Moore

Elizabeth Chen, *President* and Ronald R. Ferrucci, OD '74, *Vice Chair*

## Keynote Address: Senator Richard T. Moore

## Valedictory Addresses

Christine Donahue        Kristin Glavine        Kristy Wooler        Cleo Yeh

## Presentation of Candidates for Master of Science in Vision Science Degree

Clifford Scott, OD '68, MPH

*Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs*

## *Hooding the Candidates:*

Nancy Coletta, OD, PhD, *Director of Graduate Research Education*

## Presentation of Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degree

Clifford Scott, OD '68, MPH

*Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs*

## *Hooding the Candidates:*

Gary Chu, OD '95, MPH, *Vice President, Community Collaborations, New England Eye Institute*

Erik Weissberg, OD '97, *Faculty Chair*

## Conferral of Degrees

Elizabeth Chen, *President*, assisted by Terrance B. Neylon, EdD, *Vice President and Dean of Students, Administration & Alumni*

## Pledge

Ronald R. Ferrucci, OD '74, *Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Leads the graduates in the Optometric Oath

## Benediction

Father Arthur T. MacKay, OD '79, FAAO, MDiv

## Recessional

Reception immediately following the ceremony

## Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

Mohamed A. Aboukoura	Aldie, VA
Aarlan Vincent Aceto ~	Hampton, CT
Dipty K. Acharya	Waterloo, ON, Canada
Bassima Mowaffak Al-Delaigan +	Boston, MA
Rasha S. Alawar	Redding, CA
Isabel Alonso	Maitland, FL
Haley Dawn Backus	Vittoria, ON, Canada
Aleem Nazim Bandali	Edmonton, AB, Canada
Arinder Basra	Mississauga, ON, Canada
Michelle Anne Battaglia	Thornwood, NY
Matthew T. Bauer	Apple Valley, MN
Camille Marie Bishop	Tucson, AZ
Erin Kathleen Bowser	Shanty Bay, ON, Canada
Maia Judith Budnero	Valley Village, CA
Yihong Cai ~*	Beijing, China
Amy Lynn Camerota	Westfield, MA
Whitney Lynn Catania	Park Ridge, NJ
Kamal A. Chaaban *	Dearborn, MI
Alishia Chan	Castro Valley, CA
Andrew C. Chan	Calgary, AB, Canada
Matthew B. Chavoustie	Cape Vincent, NY
Zheng Chen *	Brookline, MA
Aaron S. J. Chiam	Barnaby, BC, Canada
Radbert Jonas Chin	San Mateo CA
Derrick Y. Chung	Saugus, MA
Sarah W. Chung	Los Angeles, CA
Paul Andrew Colburn	Hilton, NY
Sara N. Crussana	Westerly, RI
Emily Frances Culliton	Rochester, NY
Kelly Louise Cyr	Saint Agatha, ME
Rosa Nilo Dastrange	Storm Lake, IA
Joseph Patrick Deering	Andover, MA
Balprit Dhillon	Mississauga, ON, Canada
Mark Francis Di Loreto	Plainville, CT
Christine Caban Donahue	Bedford, NH
Ryan William Doran	Kendall Park, NJ
Laura Katherine Dowd	North Reading, MA
Whitney A. Fahrman	Easton, MD
Lauren Theresa Fiscale	Alpharetta, GA
Jennifer Lauren Friedman	New York, NY

Christine R. Giblin	Allston, MA
Raminder Singh Gill	Brampton, ON, Canada
Karen M. Gingras	Northbridge, MA
Kristin Ann Glavine	Greenville, ME
Brian A. Godard	Cheshire, CT
Melanie Pearl Gonzalez	Laredo, TX
Lauren P. Greene	North Brookfield, MA
Weiqun Guo *	Seattle, WA
Sharmin S. Habib	Edmonton, AB, Canada
Andrew George Clinton Helman	South Lake Tahoe, CA
Amber Noel Hiergesell	Aiken, SC
Shannon Joy Hooker	Clovis, CA
Bridget Courtney Hulihan	McLean, VA
Robyn Jeanette Hull	Cabot, AR
Rachel Kathryn Irwin	Kingston, ON, Canada
Amanda Lynn Jimenez	Cocoa Beach, FL
Desiree Monik Kaebisch	Boston, MA
Lauren Beth Kain	Cheshire, CT
Mila Kamenev +	Brookline, MA
Nagaraju Kemidi +	Andhra Pradesh, India
Anjali Kumari Khullar	Edmonton, AB, Canada
Jack Son Kim	Los Angeles, CA
Meritza Rondon Kluge	Orlando, FL
Mary Ann Kormanak	Portola Valley, CA
Jacob A. Kozisek	Minocqua, WI
Victoria Kravchenko	Allston, MA
Marcy Kathleen Brock Kyser	Westmont, IL
Jeremiah J. LaBree	Rockland, ME
Ja-Hyung Lee	Beechhurst, NY
Jessica Nadine Lee	Sammamish, WA
Miranda G. Lee	Burlington, ON, Canada
Karen Li	San Jose, CA
Tyler James Lowe	Rochester, NH
Ann Sonia Lukose	Tampa, FL
Marni Ellen Madden	Halifax, NS, Canada
Kelly Brianna McGlynn	Glenmont, NY
Jessica Maria Medina	Rehoboth, MA
Shilpi Bhadra Mehta	Boston, MA
Jared Thomas Most	Davison, MI
Nina Charlotte Mueller +	Seeheim-Jugenheim, Germany
Rebecca Taylor Mueller	Westerly, RI
Milly M. Mui	New York, NY

Darong Ni *	Ontario, Canada
Anna M. Opydo	Johnston, RI
Rajvinder Kaur Pabla	Brampton, ON, Canada
Devina P. Patel	Edison, NJ
Ekta G. Patel +	Johannesburg, South Africa
Priya Patel +	Aiken, SC
Anjali Pathak	Hamilton, ON, Canada
Michael Victor Peters	Johnston, RI
Kelly Phuong Phan	Mustang, OK
Mark D. Pyle	Monticello, IN
Kara Elizabeth Ramsey	Hermitage, PA
Collin Wayne Reiners	Sioux Falls, SD
Jennifer Lyn Robichaud	Bradley, ME
German Eduardo Saavedra +	Boston, MA
Mina Sehizadeh +	Boston, MA
Jayasree Seshadri +	Malden, MA
Poonam Sharma	Vancouver, SK, Canada
Jasdeep Sidhu	Surrey, BC, Canada
Anna Marie Sleeper	Brewer, ME
Megan Lee Smith	Lehighton, PA
Rebekah Anne Smith	Southborough, MA
Emily K. So	Fremont, CA
Elesha Rae Starkey	Brookline, MA
Loan Tu Trieu	Calgary, AB, Canada
Anhthy Hoang Trinh	St. Louis, MO
Gina Marie Troiano	Housatonic, MA
Andrea Dawn Vosbikian	Medford, NJ
Bin Wang *	Wuhan, Hubei, P.R. China
Kristy Beth Wooler	New Bedford, MA
Hongbin Xu *	Shrewsbury, MA
Glen Kenji Yamanaka	Torrance, CA
Cleo C. Yeh	Richmond, BC, Canada
Ling Yu *	Yichang, Hubei Province, China
Ling Zhou ^	Santa Cruz, CA
Xinsheng Zhu *	Malden, MA
Anthony Alexander Zieja	Holyoke, MA

\* Denotes Accelerated Optometry Degree Program

+ Denotes Advanced Standing International Program

^ Denotes Accelerated Optometry Degree Program China

~Denotes September or December 2009 Expected Graduation

## Master of Science in Vision Science Degree Recipients

Balprit Dhillon ~	Mississauga, ON, Canada
Kristin Ann Glavine	Greenville, ME
Grace Elizabeth Lytle	Bristol, RI
Rajvinder Kaur Pabla	Brampton, ON, Canada
Kristen Cheryl Totonelly ~	Mt. Kisco, NY

*~ Denotes September or December 2009 Expected Graduation*

## Bachelor of Science in Optometry Degree Recipients

Reena Kaur Khabra	Edmonton, AB, Canada
Jenna Anne Loughlin	Marlborough, MA

*The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.*

## Student Council Members

Isabel Alonso  
Aleem Bandali  
Matthew Bauer  
Andrew Chan  
Radbert Chin  
Kelly Cyr  
Andrew Helman  
Meritza Rondon Kluge  
Anna Sleeper  
Loan Trieu

# Candidates for Residency Certification

## *Cornea and Contact Lenses*

Emily Kachinsky, OD '08, MS  
Grace Lytle, OD '08, MS

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## *Community Health Optometry*

Christopher Schnelle, OD  
Kimberly Nolan, OD '08

Dimock Community Health Center  
Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

## *Ocular Disease*

Alicia Marvin, OD '08

Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston

## *Pediatric Optometry*

Jacky Kong, OD '08  
Aparna Raghuram, OD '08, PhD

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## *Primary Eye Care*

Kim-Lien Nguyen, OD '08  
Robert Knutson, OD  
Vandana Gandhi, OD  
Nora Ann Lucchi, OD  
Rakhi Patel, OD  
Lesley Sobeck, OD

VA Vermont - White River Junction campus  
VA Vermont - White River Junction campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus  
VA Maine - Togus Campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Geriatric Optometry*

Phiyen Le, OD '08  
Kimberly Lucik, OD '08

Bedford VA Medical Center  
Bedford VA Medical Center

## *Primary Eye Care - Ocular Disease*

Rita Cherian, OD '08  
Julie Devita, OD '08  
Anika Dewan, OD  
Kalene Fix, OD  
Thuyanh Le, OD '07  
Meng Lee, OD '08  
Marisa Palumbo, OD '08  
Audra Rowse, OD '08  
Angelique Sawyer, OD

VA Boston - Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston - Brockton campus  
VA Boston - Brockton/Worcester campuses  
VA Boston - Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston - Brockton campus  
VA Boston - Brockton campus  
VA Boston - West Roxbury campus  
VA Boston - Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston - West Roxbury campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation*

Eileen Bush, OD  
Theresa Chong, OD  
Diana Nguyen, OD  
Kevin So, OD '08

VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus

## 2009 Honorary Degree Recipient

Senator Richard T. Moore

*Recipient of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Richard Moore is a seven-term senator who was the primary sponsor of the Commonwealth's landmark Health Reform Law and is a leader locally and nationally in promoting the use of electronic health records. Senator Moore has figured prominently in virtually every major piece of health care legislation enacted during the past decade and has demonstrated a deep commitment to extending access to health care for all citizens.

Senator Moore, recognized as one of the Commonwealth's most influential legislators, is Chair of the Senate's Health Care Financing Committee, and serves on the joint Committee on Higher Education, the Joint Committee on Public Service, and the Committee on Ways and Means. He also serves as Vice President of the National Conference on State Legislators and is in line to become president of the organization which represents nearly 7,500 legislators across the country.

Senator Moore was the Assistant Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the Clinton Administration.

Before a career in public service, Senator Moore was an educator and senior administrator at a number of area colleges. He began his career in education as Associate Dean of students at Assumption College, served as assistant to two presidents at Bentley College, now Bentley University, served as trustee of Quinsigamond Community College, and is currently a trustee of Nichols College.

Senator Moore holds an A.B. from Clark University and an M.A. from Colgate University. He lives in Uxbridge, MA.

## Personal Achievement Awards

### Alumni Association Award

*Outstanding service to the profession and the community*

Radbert Chin

### Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award

*Demonstrated leadership and commitment to others in the field*

Anna Sleeper

### F. Dow Smith Award

*Leadership abilities in the profession*

Matthew Bauer

### National Optometric Student Association Award

*Outstanding eye care service to Boston's underserved communities and exceptional leadership commitment and integrity*

Anhthy Trinh

### Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award

*Class member who has given highly of him/herself to college and profession*

Matthew Bauer

## Academic Awards

### Valedictory & Beta Sigma Kappa Medal

*Highest cumulative GPA in class*

Christine Donahue  
Kristin Glavine  
Kristy Wooler  
Cleo Yeh

### Salutatorian Award

*Second highest cumulative GPA in class*

Haley Dawn Backus

### Advanced Standing International Program

### Scholastic Achievement Award

*The highest cumulative GPA in the Advanced Standing Program*

Ekta Patel

### William R. Baldwin Award

*Highest cumulative GPA in the Advanced Optometric Degree Program*

Weiqun Guo

## Faculty Awards

### Foster Namias Award

*Superior teaching, outstanding service to students, highly knowledgeable in his field.*

Erik Weissberg, OD

### Carroll Martus Award

*Excellence in teaching outstanding service to students, highly knowledgeable in his field.*

Ronald Watanabe, OD

# Clinical Awards

## Contact Lens

### Alcon Award

*Outstanding expertise in contact lens*

Brian Godard

### GP Clinical Excellence Award

*Enthusiastic about GP lens designs and materials, desire to improve fitting skills*

Anthony Zieja

### Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens

*Excellence in contact lens patient care*

Anna Sleeper

## Outstanding Clinical Performance

### William C. Barrett Scholarship

*Outstanding clinical skills and need at an Omni Center*

Ekta Patel

### Class of 1969 Scholarship Award

*Outstanding clinical performance*

Kelly Cyr

### Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

*Outstanding clinical and dispensing skills in practice management*

Anna Sleeper

### MiraMed Tech Award

*Excellence in clinical performance*

Shannon Hooker

### The New England College of Optometry Award

*Superior knowledge and competence in patient care*

Kelly Cyr

## Pediatrics

### COVD Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy

*Strong interest and clinical skills in vision therapy*

Amy Camerota

### Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award

*Excellence in pediatric optometry*

Rajvinder Pabla

## Low Vision

### John E. Asarkof Scholarship

*Outstanding performance in vision rehabilitation*

Gina Troiano

### Eschenbach Award for

### Excellence in Low Vision

*Aptitude and interest in low vision*

Milly Mui

### William Feinblom Low Vision Award

*Outstanding achievement in low vision*

Robyn Hull

### David J. Kerko Low Vision Award

*Interest and exceptional clinical proficiency in low vision*

Christine Giblin

## Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society

Dipty Acharya	Tyler Lowe
Haley Backus	Marni Madden
Matthew Bauer	Jared Most
Erin Bowser	Nina Mueller
Kamal Chaaban	Anna Opydo
Andrew Chan	Rajvinder Pabla
Zheng Chen	Ekta Patel
Sara Crussana	Priya Patel
Kelly Cyr	Michael Peters
Christine Donahue	Jayasree Seshadri
Kristin Glavine	Poonam Sharma
Brian Godard	Rebekah Smith
Melanie Gonzalez	Elesha Starkey
Lauren Greene	Andrea Vosbikian
Weioun Guo	Bin Wang
Robyn Hull	Kristy Wooler
Rachel Irwin	Cleo Yeh
Amanda Jiminez	Ling Yu
Lauren Kain	Anthony Zieja

Beta Sigma Kappa is an international optometric honor society. Membership eligibility consist of a minimum grade point average, on a 4 point scale, of 3.5 after the first year, 3.4 after the second year, and 3.3 after the third year. Advanced Optometric Degree Program students are eligible with a minimum of 3.5 after the first year and 3.3 after the second; Advanced Standing International Students with a minimum of 3.3 after the first year. Students receive a certificate and gold cords, which they may wear at Commencement.

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## Acknowledgements

**The New England College of Optometry joins our graduates  
in thanking ....**

**families and friends for their unwavering support and en-  
couragement;**  
**the many members of the college community  
whose hard work and dedication helped to make  
this weekend possible.**

## Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia has been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but some institutions now use colors representative of the school.

President Chen's gown reflects the deep red and light grey that are the colors of the New England College of Optometry. Four velvet bars on the sleeves indicate the level of President and she wears the medallion bearing the seal of the College.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree.

Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities:	white	Medicine:	green
Architecture:	brown	Optometry:	sea foam green
Business:	tan	Philosophy:	dark blue
Dentistry:	lilac	Public Health:	salmon pink
Education:	light blue		
Library science:	lemon yellow		

## The Optometric Oath\*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*\*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry*

